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ADVANCE REGISTER

The advance attendance register will be compiled by the Washington local committee. Those who do NOT secure rooms through the service of the local rooming bureau should notify either Dr. George F. Bowerman, or Miss Grace E. Babbitt, Public Library, Washington, D. C., informing the committee of their intention to be present at the conference and giving their Washington address. Have this information reach Washington not later than May 18th.

Those who have changed their address or library position since September, 1913, should so advise the Washington committee, in order that the name and library position may be correctly stated in the advance register.

A LOBBY CONFERENCE

Here are a few topics suggested for a "lobby conference." If you are interested in any of these subjects talk them over with the person indicated.

Are you interested in libraries in rural high schools?—See Miss Martha Wilson, of Minnesota.

Are you going to install a business branch?—See Mr. Dana or Miss Ball, of the Newark, N. J., business branch.

Is your library thinking of establishing a pension system?—Talk with Mr. Legler, of Chicago, or Mr. Stevens, of Pratt Institute.

Do you lend pictures, mounted and unmounted, from your library?—See the collection at the Public Library of the District of Columbia and the way they handle it.

Are you interested in instruction in legislative and municipal reference work?—See Mr. Dudgeon or Mr. Lester, of the Wisconsin Free library commission.

Do you have library institutes in your state?—Ask Mr. Nursey, of Ontario, or Mr. Wyer, of the New York State library about their respective institutes.

Did you know that Chicago has traveling libraries conducted similarly to those in rural communities?—Mr. Legler will tell you about them.

Do you know the latest in library advertising?—Mr. Rush, of St. Joseph, will tell you what it is.

Selection of books for small branches and delivery stations—Mr. Gardner M. Jones, of Salem, Mass., would like to discuss this problem with others who have had experience.

Did you know that the St. Louis public library allows people to charge their own books in small branches?—Dr. Bostwick will explain the method.

Do you know about the Public Affairs Information Service?—Ask Mr. John A. Lapp, of the Special Libraries Association, to tell you about it.

Did you know that the Springfield, Mass., City Library is lending non-fiction books on Sunday?—Ask Mr. Wellman if the arrangement has been popular and helpful.

Have you a weeding-out system for your collection of clippings?—See Miss McVety or Miss Colegrove, of the Newark Free public library.

Have you investigated the vertical file system of caring for maps?—See Mr. Dana, of Newark, or Mr. Windsor, of the University of Illinois.

Do you want to know about the exhibit of American libraries at Leipzig?—Ask Dr. Frank P. Hill, of Brooklyn.

The health and well being of library workers. Do you wish to know how to promote it?—Consult Mr. Strohm, of Detroit or Mr. Ranck, of Grand Rapids.

How can libraries promote book-buying?—If interested in this question talk with Richard B. G. Gardner, Manager of the Publishers' Co-operative Bureau.

Are you interested in a quick way of caring for pamphlets and ephemeral material?—See Miss McVety, of the Newark Public Library.

Are you interested in methods of installing exhibits?—Ask Mr. Dana, of the Newark Public Library.

Do you intend to establish a municipal branch of your public library?—Ask Mr. Anderson, of New York, or Dr. Bostwick, of St. Louis.

Are you interested in municipal document indexing?—See Miss Hasse, of New York, or Mr. A. L. Bostwick, of St. Louis.

Have you a satisfactory follow-up system in your book-order department?—Ask Mr. Windsor, of the University of Illinois, to explain the method they use.

EXHIBIT OF LIBRARY LABOR-SAVING DEVICES

The latest advices obtainable from Washington concerning the labor-saving device exhibit show that the exhibit will include about thirty different kinds of

labor-savers and that fifty or more manufacturers will be represented.

It is not possible to obtain a complete advance list of the devices which will be shown. The list will include, of course, the most important representatives of such well-known devices as the typewriter and the manifolding machines. In the inspection of such exhibits opportunity will be given to learn of the newest appliances and latest models and also to compare the merits of the leading competing machines. There will also be a number of devices shown which are not so widely known. Perhaps the most important of these will be the photographic copying machines. Two of the three leading machines of this type will be demonstrated and the Committee is hoping that it will be possible to secure all three.

Full opportunity will also be given to investigate the possibilities in library service of the use of adding machines, billing machines, dictating machines, pencil sharpeners, vacuum cleaners and many other devices. The Committee is now concluding final arrangements for the display of small appliances which will be of interest to all libraries regardless of size and income.

The exhibit will include not only labor-saving devices as this term is usually understood, but will also show a very complete collection of library equipment in general. Stacks and shelving will be shown by the Sneed Company, the Art Metal Construction Company, and the Library Bureau. Furniture, filing systems and miscellaneous equipment and supplies will be shown by Gaylord Brothers, Globe-Wernicke, Art Metal Construction Company, and Library Bureau. In this part of the exhibit there will be opportunity to see the latest and best equipment of all the competing firms, from loan desks and filing cabinets to paper fasteners and date holders.

An interesting part of the Library Bureau exhibit will be an exhibition of the